

Maine Milk Commission Special Meeting Minutes  
Deering Building, Room 233  
Hospital Street, Augusta, Maine 04333

Notices for the April 22, 2005 meeting were distributed to Commission members, intervenors and other interested parties March 21, 2005 and sent to the Secretary of State's Office for posting on March 21, 2005.

**Commission Present:** Chair Michael Wiers, Shelley Doak, and Colon Durrell

**Commission Absent:** John Joseph, Jr. and Katherine O. Musgrave

**Department Officials:** None

**Staff Present:** Stanley K. Millay, Executive Director

**Legal Counsel:** Lucinda White, Assistant Attorney General – Not Present

**Intervenors Present:** John Blake, H.P. Hood, Inc., John Economy, Garelick Farms of Maine and John Sawyer, Oakhurst Dairy

**Others Present:** Fred Hardy and Dale Cole, MDIA

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Michael Wiers, Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:34 P.M.

**Agenda Item 1: Minutes:** Colon Durrell made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2005 special meeting as written. Shelley Doak seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

**Agenda Item 2: Lucinda White, Assistant Attorney General:** Lucinda White was not present.

**Agenda Item 3: Minimum Prices:** Colon Durrell made a motion to recognize the price schedule with the producer cost of production at \$0.74 for April 2005 on Class I and \$0.15 on Class II and \$1.10/cwt. over-order premium. Shelley Doak seconded and suggested that the price schedule be named for reference purposes. Motion passed 2-0.

The prevailing premium is \$1.10 for May, 2005 reported by Agri-Mark and Dairy Marketing Service.

The Class I price for May, 2005 is \$18.05 plus \$0.74/cwt cost of production, \$1.10/cwt. prevailing premium and a processor assessment of \$.20/cwt, for a total dealer cost of \$20.09 for May, 2005. The Class I price increased \$0.67 from March 2005.

There is no Farm Bill Counter Cyclical Payment for May, 2005.

**Agenda Item 4: Maine Monthly Price Survey:** The Commission reviewed the price survey for April 2005 which included prices for Augusta and Bangor. They also reviewed the International Association of Milk Control Agencies prices surveys for January and February 2005.

**Agenda Item 5: Next Scheduled Meetings:**

- May 20, 2005, Friday 1:30 p.m.  
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources  
Augusta, Maine
- June 17, 2005, Friday 1:30 p.m.  
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources  
Augusta, Maine
- July 22, 2005, Friday 1:30 p.m.  
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources  
Augusta, Maine
- *\*Note change of date from Friday August 19 to*  
Monday, August 22 1:30 p.m.  
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources  
Augusta, Maine

**Agenda Item 6: Other:**

1. **Milk Commission Budget:** The Commission Reviewed the income and expenditures.
2. **Producer Margins:** Stanley Millay updated the Commission on the Cost of Production study being conducted by the University of Maine.
3. **Shaw's:** Stanley Millay reported that a representative from Shaw's planned to attend the May meeting to discuss a plan they developed to avoid future violations of the Commission's minimum milk prices.
4. **Legislation:** Current milk legislation was discussed and Stanley Millay reported that the public hearings have been held on handling tax (L.D. 1432) price gouging bill (L.D. 842), Maine MILC Change (L.D. 1070). The work sessions will be held on April 27, 2005.

**Agenda Item 7: Executive Session:** The Commission did not go into Executive Session

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:04 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted Stanley Millay, Executive Director, Maine Milk Commission